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...for over 25 years it's been making a world of difference.

INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS Serving a period of two years or longer, Peace Corps Volunteers work in agriculture, forestry, fish culture, health and nutrition, education, engineering, skilled trades, small business and cooperative development, community development and other fields.

- **Agriculture**—crop development, animal husbandry, beekeeping, farm mechanics, marketing, soil science, plant protection and education.
- **Forestry**—nursery establishment, forest management, plantation and national park development, reforestation, agro-forestry and environmental education.
- **Fish Culture**—inland pond development and maintenance, marine and freshwater fisheries, fish station management and marketing development.
- **Health and Nutrition**—nursing, disease control, physical and occupational therapy, diet planning, maternal and child care counseling, and sanitation.
- **Education**—secondary school math/science teaching, curriculum development, library science, vocational and special education.
- **Engineering**—water resource and sanitation development, bridge

For over 25 years, Peace Corps Volunteers in developing nations have been making history an inch at a time. In a world that has changed dramatically during those decades, the Peace Corps has remained a steady symbol of how our nation cares—people-to-people.

More than 120,000 Americans have been Peace Corps Volunteers. Today, almost 6,000 serve in 63 countries in Africa, Asia, the Pacific, South and Central America, and the Caribbean.

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and road construction, architecture and urban planning.

- **Industrial Arts**—vocational education and on-the-job training in carpentry, masonry, electricity, mechanics, metalworking, cabinetmaking, plumbing and welding.
- **Small Business and Cooperative Development**—loan proposal preparation, financing and credit supervision, product design and development, accounting and management training, and marketing studies for agriculture and craft co-ops and small enterprises.

TRAINING Before going overseas, each Peace Corps Volunteer attends orientation workshops varying in length according to the demands of host countries. Some Volunteers also receive special technical training at United States colleges or universities before traveling abroad.

Upon arrival in their assigned countries, Volunteers receive from 8 to 12 weeks of intensive language, cultural and technical training.

Periodic in-service workshops are conducted for Volunteers in most countries to reinforce their skills, assist them with problems and project planning, and teach them new skills to enhance their ability to serve their communities in multiple ways.

Peace Corps Volunteers live at the level of their host country counterparts. This includes both rural and urban settings. Each Volunteer is affiliated with a host country agency and maintains contact with host agency officials as well as Peace Corps staff. Often Peace Corps Volunteers either share worksites with other Volunteers or are located near other Volunteers. Although you will leave family and friends for a time, many Volunteers feel that one of the most rewarding aspects of the Peace Corps experience is in making new friends and being welcomed into host country families.

BENEFITS During Peace Corps service, Volunteers receive a monthly allowance for housing, food, clothing and incidentals. They also receive free medical and dental care, transportation to and from their overseas site and 24 vacation days a year. Most student loan payments are deferred for the duration of Peace Corps service.

Following Peace Corps service, Volunteers receive a readjustment allowance of $175 for each month of training and service, totaling $4,200 after a two-year assignment. They are eligible for federal employment on a non-competitive basis for one year and possible graduate school credit for Peace Corps experience. Perhaps your university or college offers special scholarships to returned Volunteers.

OPPORTUNITIES Peace Corps offers men and women the chance of a lifetime to gain impressive credentials for professional careers in many fields while helping solve pressing problems in the developing world. National and international employers in government and private enterprise recognize and regard highly the work experience of Peace Corps Volunteers.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE Any healthy U.S. citizen at least 18 years old (although most people haven't the maturity or experience for successful Peace Corps service until they reach their 20's). There is no upper age limit. Married couples are welcome if both can work and wish to be volunteers. Couples with dependents are rarely accepted. Many handicapped people have served successfully overseas. Most assignments require a degree and/or 3-5 years experience.

There is no discrimination by the Peace Corps because of race, color, national origin, handicap, age, political beliefs, sex or religion. Anyone who feels discriminated against by the Peace Corps may write to the Office of Compliance, Peace Corps, Washington, D.C. 20526.

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